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Blue Ribbon is a very unique company and is different from the rest; Checker Yellow is owned by one (1) family, Capitol City is owned by one (1) family, Blue Ribbon is owned by sixty (60) shareholders. Our owners range from the age 21 to 86 years old and we also have drivers. Therefore a lot of our owners drives their own cabs and do not deal with drugs. To make all the owners take a drug test seems to be unfair because this is their company and they will not jeopardize their company.

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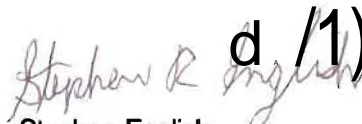
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